

MONASHEE AREA COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS December 3, 2011



Notes from National:

- ▶ New uniform shirts for girls will be available September 2012. All shirts are blue with insert, sleeve and bottom edge in branch colours.
- ▶ A fifth World Centre is planned for Africa. It will be a travelling World Centre.
- ▶ The SG.8 form no longer mentions fundraising; it just focuses on travel.
- ▶ See the article in the *Guider* about how cookie money is being used and new Cookie Star options.
- ▶ March 26 is the starting date for the sale of 2012 spring cookies.
- ▶ Goal to get membership back to 100,000 members nationally by 2012. (BC needs to increase by 1872.)

Notes from BC Council:

- ▶ Funds are available for camps to borrow for emergencies. Apply through the Area Commissioner.
- ▶ Child Art Tax Credit: 3-part NCR forms will be distributed soon. (You have until the end of February.)
- ▶ The BC cookie sign-out sheet is the only one to be used in BC.
- ▶ Online registration will begin this spring. Information will be sent out after Christmas.

Monashee Area Business:

- ▶ **Council Positions:**
 - Teresa Watt has agreed to become our Area International Adviser (no longer “acting”).
 - Katey Sasges is our new Area Link Adviser.
- ▶ **Membership Growth Plans:**
 - A motion was passed that Monashee Area strive to increase membership by 10% by Dec. 1, 2012. Each District should have a growth team and come up with suggestions to accomplish this goal.
 - Most Districts have higher numbers than were reported in the Dec. 1 count. Get forms in!!
- ▶ **Area Conference 2012:**
 - Dates for the Conference: November 2-4, 2012.
 - The Conference budget was increased by \$2500 (from the Camp Hollow funds).
 - Consensus was that Arbuckle isn't really suitable for the conference, so Dorothy & Barb will investigate other venues.
- ▶ **Spirit of Monashee Award:**
 - A tea will be held to present the first Spirit of Monashee Awards on March 10, 2012.
- ▶ **Camp Hollow:**
 - Camp Hollow has been taken over by new owners and is called Greta Creek Camp (“GCC”). We can still use the camp, but are not responsible for it. We do not need to demolish the building.



New uniform shirts for girls

From Your Advisers:

- **Camping – Patrice Schoepfner and Colleen Aven**
 - BC Council needs ideas for project proposals.
 - Check the BC website for new challenges and revised Camp-in-a-Box.
- **Training – Sheila Fergusson**
 - Welcome to new Trainer Katey Sasges! We still need more Trainers in our Area.
 - Presentation & Communication Skills weekend to be held in conjunction with the Arts Training at Arbuckle March 2-4. Presentation Skills great for anyone who ever has to present to adults (commissioners, advisers, unit Guiders, etc.) – not just potential trainers. Arts is for ALL Guiders!
 - Arts to Go Toolbox can be reproduced for about \$15. Order through Sheila.
- **Public Relations – Jennie Hill**
 - The Monashee Area float is available for Christmas parades.
- **Membership – Gail Rose**
 - New Link Unit in Central Okanagan. Pass on info about Link to all potential members (30 and under).
 - Reminder to mentor new Guiders. Mentorship Training is available.
 - Online registration this spring: We know there will be glitches to work out, but think positive!!
- **Program – (no Area Adviser)**
 - New Shake Out Challenge for earthquake preparedness.
 - Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Beacons: Bonfires will be lit June 4th, 2012. Info booklet available online.
- **International – Teresa Watt**
 - Suggestion for CWFF: Take a few coins to a meeting and ask people to match them.
 - Canada-wide Twinning Challenge will be on the GGC website soon.
 - BC Pizza Challenge for raising money for CWFF: Info on BC website (resources → challenges)
- **Awards – Judy Surkon**
 - All Districts except Mt. Ridge now have Awards Advisers. These form the Area Awards Committee.
- **iMIS – Michelle Somerville**
 - Many girls and adults were not included in the Dec. 1 count. Get forms to Michelle a.s.a.p.
 - Reminder to process Potential Member screening as quickly as possible.

Upcoming Dates: (Keep checking the Monashee Area Website!)

Jan. 27-29	Winter Scouting Skills: Britton Creek Pit Stop
Feb. 3-5	Under the Boughs winter camp – Camp Bonnett, Jewel Lake
Feb. 17-19	Rovent winter camping event for Rangers with Scouting – Manning Park
Feb. 24-26	Cupcakes & Candles – Arbuckle
March 2-3	Arts-cadabra! Area Arts Training Presentation & Communication Skills Training (These will be held together at Arbuckle.)
Mar. 30 – Apr. 1	Adult Wilderness Training Modules & Wilderness 1st Aid – Camp McLanlin, Abbotsford
May 5	Girl Awards – South 5 (?)
May 12-13	Nite Trek – Telemark Trails
June 1-3	Trefoil Rendevious – University of Fraser Valley
June 10	Hands Across the Border
June 16	Rainbow Revelee – Spark Spree/Brownie Revel – Crystal Mountain
Summer 2012	Rock and Roll Adventure Camp – 7 days (Dates TBA)
Nov. 2-4, 2012	Monashee Area Conference – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!